

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 440
By Napier

A RESOLUTION to honor William Bentley Wade.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly feel it is appropriate to recognize those outstanding Tennesseans who gave unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents for the betterment of their community, state and country; and

WHEREAS, "Coach" Bill Wade, of Columbia, Tennessee, was one such outstanding Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wade was born March 5th, 1932, in Nashville, Tennessee, the son of Harry Wheless Wade and Kathleen Baker; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for a productive career of teaching, he attended Peabody School for Teachers, now part of Vanderbilt University, where he received his B.A.; he continued at Peabody until he completed his graduate study and received his M.A. in Education Administration; he then went to Murray State University, where he completed forty-five hours toward his doctorate; and

WHEREAS, his life was soon filled with love, happiness and satisfaction after meeting his future wife of thirty-nine years, Dorothy A. Raines of Pulaski, Tennessee; together they built a strong family that molded the lives of six fine children; and

WHEREAS, his life centered around the emotional and social development of young adults; he worked in various educational settings ranging from Columbia Military Academy,

where he taught and coached, to the Detroit Job Corps, a federal youth training program which he directed, to Columbia Central High School, where he taught U.S. Government and coached the golf and tennis teams, and there remained until his death; and

WHEREAS, "Coach" Wade's commitment to the athletic successes of his students was only surpassed by his unyielding commitment to their academic and personal growth.

WHEREAS, his commitment to his community and church compelled his active participation in several community organizations, most notably as a Free Mason of the Morganfield, Kentucky Lodge, No. 66; and

WHEREAS, his patriotism to his country was such that he volunteered to serve his country in the United States Army until his honorable discharge in 1955; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife, Dorothy; his four sons, William Bentley Wade, Jr., Randal Raines Wade, Richard Scott Wade, and Kelly Baker Wade; his daughter, Donna Wade Certain, and his loyal pet, "Fletch"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we express our deepest regrets at the passing of William B. Wade, and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family, friends, fellow teachers and students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That two copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted, one to be presented to the family and the second to be presented to the principal of Columbia Central High School.

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